

HONORING THE PENNEY HIGH
SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise to recognize the outstanding achievement of the Penney High School Hornets football team in defeating Valle Catholic, by a score of 21–17, to claim victory in this year's Class 1 Show-Me Bowl at the Edward Jones Dome.

A championship is not only reflective of the final game of the year but also the hard work and dedication required in getting to that point through diligence and discipline. Knocking off one of Missouri's historically great football programs and owner of 9 previous state titles is no small achievement and the Hornets should be commended for their efforts in doing so.

Additionally, I want to recognize the outstanding leadership of Coach Dave Fairchild, who earned his first state title in his 26 years of coaching. Through his vision and guidance, the Hornets were able to repeatedly deliver solid results and achieve the honor of state champions.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully request you to join me in congratulating the achievement of the Penney High School football team on their state championship.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
JEANNE M. MERSHON**HON. JAMES P. MORAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to a long-time employee of the House of Representatives, Jeanne M. Mershon, who, on November 30th, retired after more than 27 years of dedicated service to this body. Ms. Mershon is a constituent of Virginia's 8th Congressional District, born and raised in Springfield, Virginia and currently resides in Arlington. Jeanne is a proud graduate of the Northern Virginia public school system and her alma mater, the College of William and Mary.

Ms. Mershon began working for the House of Representatives in 1982 in the Office of the Clerk after a stint at the Federal Election Commission. She started in the Office of the Director of Non-Legislative and Financial Services and later joined the Chief Administrative Office in the Office of Facilities Management. After over a decade of making sure the operations of the House ran smoothly, in December of 1995, she joined the Parking Security Office for the House Sergeant at Arms, where she has since served as Assistant Director.

Ms. Mershon is known by her peers as thorough and detail oriented, as well as someone they are able to turn to at any time, even with the most difficult questions. This past September, Ms. Mershon was the recipient of the Office of the Inspector General's "Employee Excellence Award," a fitting tribute to her tireless efforts. We are fortunate to have had Ms. Mershon's service for so many years. She will be sorely missed by all her friends and colleagues. I wish her the best in all of her future

endeavors and a lifetime ahead of even greater reward.

MS. BERTHA M. JONES—
AGRICULTURALIST,
THROPIST, CHAMPION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, it gives me immense pleasure to recognize the life and legacy of one of America's most prolific champions of agricultural education and science, Ms. Bertha M. Jones.

Ms. Jones is a native of Huntsville, AL, where she first found her love for agriculture and appreciation for the mystical wonders of nature. Ms. Jones graduated from State Agricultural and Mechanical Institute in Alabama, currently known as Alabama A&M in 1945, receiving her Bachelor's of Science in Home Economics. After completing her undergraduate studies, Ms. Jones began her career in Luverne, Alabama as a Negro Home Demonstration Agent servicing Crenshaw County for more than a decade.

In 1956, Ms. Bertha received her Master's of Education in Home Economics from Penn State University and shortly thereafter served as a State 4-H Agent for Negro Girls at Tuskegee Institute, currently known as Tuskegee University. During that period Ms. Jones was responsible for 4-H publications and 4-H administration for 37 county agents. Her desire for scholastic achievement led her to further her studies at both Prairie View A&M and George Washington University.

Ms. Bertha Jones lives by the motto, "4-H Is Life", devoting countless hours towards the educational and economic growth of young people throughout the region. Ms. Jones believed that every young person should be exposed to the 4-H experience because it was instrumental in life skills development. Ms. Jones served multiple roles both locally and nationally for 4-H related junctures, including membership on the National and State 4-H Congress Committees, the 4-H Food Preservation and 4-H DOT Committees as well as the 4-H Advisory Committee. Ms. Jones was also the first State Leader for Urban 4-H in both Mobile and Huntsville, AL.

Ms. Jones has authored and co-authored numerous publications dedicated to advancing agricultural studies among rural and urban communities. Some of her works are comprised of the 4-H Officer Training Handbook, Clean Look and Your Health, and the History of Negroes in Cooperative Extension, which she co-authored with Dr. Richard Bailey. Not only has she authored and co-authored publications, Ms. Jones also has been featured in publications such as *They Too Call Alabama Home: African American Profiles, 1800–1999*, written also by Dr. Bailey.

Ms. Jones is a noted philanthropist of local 4-H efforts, giving not only financial resources but also substantial amounts of time towards helping enrich and increase the growing knowledge among young people about 4-H procedures and practices, willing monetary support for those wishing to expand their knowledge through involvement in 4-H activities or pursuit of higher education.

During the course of her career, Ms. Jones received a number of plaques, certificates and awards of recognition and achievement. Some of her most treasured awards include a Presidential Citation for the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education as well as her 2004 induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Not only has Ms. Jones received citation and notary inductions but she also has a conference room dedicated in her honor at Alabama A&M in the Home Economics Department.

Ms. Jones was a faithful steward of the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church in Tuskegee, AL where she served as an active member of their congregation since 1970. During her membership Ms. Jones served in several capacities including the choir, the Pastor's Aid Committee and as a devoted Sunday school teacher.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize one of the finest agricultural icons in American history, Ms. Bertha M. Jones. Her achievements and contributions to the world of agricultural science will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I missed the following recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 and Wednesday, November 18, 2009.

For Tuesday, November 17, 2009, I ask that the Record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 892 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H.R. 3360), "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 893 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 842), "No" on rollcall vote No. 894 (on approval of the Journal), "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 895 (on motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 891).

For Wednesday, November 18, 2009, I ask that the Record reflect that had I been present I would have voted "No" on rollcall vote No. 896 (on agreeing to H. Con. Res. 214, which provides for a conditional adjournment of the two Houses), "No" on rollcall vote No. 897 (ordering the previous question on the Rule for H.R. 3791, the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2009), "No" on rollcall vote No. 898 (on agreeing to H. Res. 909, which provides for consideration of H.R. 3791), "No" on rollcall vote No. 899 (on agreeing to the Perlmutt Amendment to H.R. 3791), "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 900 (on agreeing to the Flake Amendment to H.R. 3791), "Aye" on rollcall vote No. 901 (on passage of H.R. 3791).

HONORING THE KEARNEY HIGH
SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
TEAM**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise to recognize the outstanding achievement